Batasan blast suspect walks out of Crame

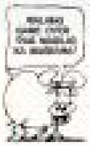
By Tarra Quismundo

HIS GUARD WAS TAKING A BATH when Ikram Indama, a suspect-turned-state-witness in the deadly bombing attack on the Batasang Pambansa 11 months ago, disappeared from the supposedly tightly guarded Camp Crame at sunrise yesterday.

The confessed conspirator in the Nov. 13, 2007, bombing that left six people dead, including Rep. Wahab Akbar, walked out of a state protection deal

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Sci-fi writer uses video games to hook readers



CARLSBAD, CALIFORNIA—When PJ Haarsma wrote his first book, a science fiction novel for kids, he didn't think just about how to describe Orbis, the planetary system where the story takes place. He also

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CHAPMAN-HULTMAN KILLER

Teehankee released in dead of night

By Arlyn dela Cruz, Contributor and Norman Bordadora

THE SON OF A FORMER CHIEF JUStice, sentenced to life in prison for shooting to death a 16-year-old girl despite her pleas for mercy, has been released from jail after President Macapagal-Arroyo granted him executive clemency.

Claudio Teehankee Jr., now 62, stepped out a free man from the National Bilibid Prison last weekend after serving 14 years for a triple crime—including the gruesome murder of the girl in 1991 that later prompted some lawmakers to demand the restoration of the death penalty.

He was released quietly and literally in the dead of night—before midnight on Friday.

Teehankee is the son of the late Chief Justice Claudio Teehankee, who opposed Ferdinand Marcos' martial law and, in 1986, swore in Corazon Aquino as president of the country's second democracy after Marcos was ousted in the People Power Revolution.

Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez said the President granted Teehankee executive clemency in late September, which paved the way for his release.

"Yes, he is released," Gonzalez said. "He is considered to have already served his sentence."

Gonzalez said the executive clemency commuted Teehankee's sentence, resulting in his release following two reviews by the Board of Pardons and Parole.

"This was reviewed and re-reviewed by the Board of Pardons and

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MAUREEN HULTMAN was only 16 years old when she was shot on July 13, 1991. INQUIRER PHOTO



THE HULTMANS gaze Claudio Teehankee Jr. (right) an icy stare in the courtroom. INQUIRER PHOTO

Philamlife assures clients

Cuisia: Policies safe, fully backed by firm's strength

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE SALE OF PHILIPPINE American Life and General Insurance Co. (Philamlife), which has received offers from 10 foreign and local investors, will not affect its ability to pay claims, company president Jose Cuisia said yesterday.

"We would like to assure our policyholders there is no reason for them to worry, to feel their investments are at risk," Cuisia said. "We have managed our investment portfolio prudently and conservatively."

Philamlife has about P143 billion worth of insurance contracts with more than one million policyholders in the country.

Cuisia said the "financial issues pertaining to our parent company AIG do not affect our ability to pay claims and underwrite new policies."

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NOTHING TO SNEEZE AT President Macapagal-Arroyo says the Philippines is more resilient than some of the other countries in Asia in the face of financial turmoil during the 10th Seipi (Semiconductors and Electronics Industries Philippines Inc.) anniversary on Monday in Malacañang. With her are, from left, Trade Secretary Peter Favila, Seipi chair Arthur Young and Seipi president Ernie Santiago. [illegible]

Markets fall amid crisis fears

LONDON—DEEPENING FEARS ABOUT the European financial crisis and growing doubts about a $700-billion US bailout package sent major stock markets on Monday plunging 5 percent across the globe.

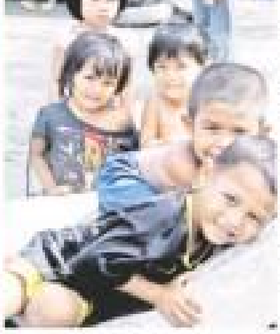
The $68-billion rescue of German bank Hypo Real Estate and the $19.7-billion takeover of Dutch-Belgian bank Fortis did little to calm fears among investors over the world's worst financial crisis in 80 years.

Investors also took scant comfort from Washington's passage on Friday of a $700-billion plan to buy toxic assets from banks and other institutions to shore up the financial industry because of the uncertainty still hanging over the details of the deal and the degree to which it will be effective.

Britain's benchmark stock index, the FTSE 100, lost as much as 6 percent in

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'It's easy to destroy, it takes time to rebuild'



INNOCENTS IN WAR Children pose outside an evacuation center in Datu Piang, Maguindanao. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

By Fernando del Mundo
Chief, I-Team

(Second of three parts)

SPECIAL REPORT

COTABATO CITY—INTERNAtional aid agencies involved in rebuilding Mindanao from four decades of civil strife are warning that attempts to portray the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) as a terrorist organization could be disastrous for the country.

Multibillion initiatives to develop war-torn areas in the past several years have already been set back as a result of renewed violence that has forced out more than 500,000 people from their homes over nearly two months.

With no end in sight to the current conflict, some projects are being suspended for fear that international staff will be put in harm's way.

President Macapagal-Arroyo's decision for insurgents to disarm before any peace talks could resume and the MILF's rejection of her position have contributed to the uncertainty.

"If declared a terrorist organization, the impact will be enormous. It will be a disaster for the country, not just the MILF," says Steven Muncy, executive director of the Manila-based NGO Community and Family Services International (CFSI).

"I don't think that the organization as a whole meets the definition of a terrorist organization. Some individuals may have misbehaved. But to label the whole [MILF] would be unhelpful and unhealthy," he says.

"All the actors that have been trying to help contribute to bring peace to Mindanao will be affected."

IT'S EASY A15

More US bank failures seen despite $700-B plan

SAN FRANCISCO—HERE'S A SAFE bet for uncertain times: A lot of banks won't survive the next year of upheaval despite the US government's $700-billion plan to restore order to the financial industry.

The biggest question is how many banks will perish and how they will be put out of their misery—in outright closures by regulators scrambling to preserve the dwindling deposit insurance fund or in fire sales made under government pressure.

Enfeebled by huge losses on risky home loans, the banking industry is now on the shakiest ground since the early 1990s when more than 800 federally insured institutions failed in a three-year period.

That was during the cleanup phase of a decade-long meltdown involving savings and loan banks (S&Ls), which wound up costing US taxpayers $170 billion to $205 billion.

The government's commitment to spend up to $700 billion buying bad debts from ailing banks is likely to save some institutions that would have otherwise died, but analysts doubt the money will be enough to avert a major shakeout.

"It will help, but it's not going to be the saving grace" because a lot of banks are holding construction loans and other types of deteriorating assets that the government won't take off their books, according to Stanford Financial analyst Jaret Seiberg.

Seiberg expects more than 100 banks nationwide to fail next year.

The darkening clouds already have some depositors pondering a question that always seems to crop up in financial panics despite deposit insurance: Could it possibly make more sense to stash cash in a mattress than in a bank account?

"It sounds like a joke," business owner Maurice Quintero said outside a Wachovia Bank branch in Miami. "But it sounds safer than the turmoil out there right now."

Not as many banks are likely to fail as in the S&L crisis, largely because there are about 8,300 fewer today than

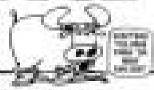
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Gov't to seek compensation for tainted milk

MALACAÑANG WILL FORMALLY SEEK THE CHINESE GOVERNment's help to obtain compensation for the losses incurred by local importers of China-made milk products banned for melamine contamination.

Other products

Results on Wednesday

Label fresh China meat, veggies, too, urges solon

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Palace not keen on hiking wages

By Christian V. Esguerra

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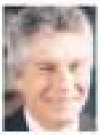
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He is coming back

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Teehankee shows up

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As required by Philippine regulations, the bulk of Philamlife's investments are in marketable Philippine government securities, prime local corporate bonds and a small percentage in blue chip stocks. This ensures that your policies are safe and fully backed up by the financial strength of Philamlife.

AIG announced that it will refocus the company on its core property and casualty insurance business to repay its loan from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. AIG further announced its intention to sell a range of companies and assets. The Philippine American Life Insurance Company has been identified for possible divestment along with some of Philamlife's affiliates.

Philamlife is a crown jewel of AIG and has built excellent brand equity being the only financial institution in the country with the distinction of five Platinum Trusted Brand awards. This makes Philamlife a very attractive company.

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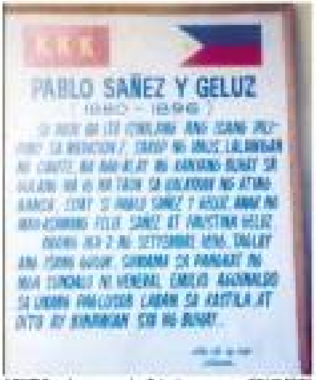
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An American guerrilla

—JAMES LITTON

Sañez first casualty of Philippine-Spanish war?



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Dam's rehabilitation meant to protect Fortune



The Philippine Daily Inquirer, in partnership with Universal Robina Corporation, maker of the instant noodles brand Payless, recently awarded the weekly winners in the Panalo Ka Partner promo to its newsvendors on Quezon Avenue, Quezon City. Here with the PDI circulation team headed by sales manager Edwin Sacramed (right) are the promo winners with their grocery bags.

Batasan blast suspect walks out of Crame





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Across the NATION

KIDNAP OF AID WORKERS

Vice gov opts for backdoor negotiations

ZAMBOANGA CITY—THE LEAD NEGOTIATOR FOR THE safe release of two humanitarian workers now in the hands of armed men in Basilan has disregarded the demand of a Sulu-based Abu Sayyaf leader.

Rights group says soldiers tortured, killed 3 farmers

By Joey A. Gabieta
Inquirer Visayas



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Sad masks show agony of detained protesters in Bacolod

By Carla P. Gomez
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Rookie cop shoots dead police officer

Topnotcher in licensure tests also wounds victim's wife in minor road mishap

By Marlon Ramos

A ROOKIE POLICEMAN—ONE OF THE TOPnotchers in the 2005 criminology licensure examinations—was charged yesterday with shooting and killing a police officer and wounding his wife following an argument over a minor road accident in Bacoor, Cavite province.



DIRECTOR Jefferson Soriano, chief of the National Capital Region Police Office, shows reporters a picture of PO1 Alfie Madrid, a rookie policeman who is now facing charges for the death of a Las Piñas police officer.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT FOR NGOS & FOUNDATIONS SEMINAR

Rob suspects out on bail linked to new pawnshop heist

By Julie M. Aurelio

ROBBERS BROKE INTO A pawnshop in Quezon City over the weekend and made off with around P2.8 million worth of cash and valuables.

Ironically, two of the thieves had just posted bail following their arrest last week for their involvement in another pawnshop robbery.

They were identified as Richard Apuply, 32 and Leo Mariano, 34. The two men were released on bail on Friday after they were arrested for breaking into the Picache Pawnshop on Del Monte Avenue in Quezon City on Sept. 28.

A businessman who was occupying the establishment next to the pawnshop saw the suspects as they were leaving the pawnshop's vault and called the police.

Yesterday, employees of the Tambunting Pawnshop at the corner of Visayas Avenue and Tandang Sora in Quezon City called the police after they discovered that someone had forced open the vault.

Supt. Marcelino Pedrozo of the Quezon City Police District's theft and robbery section said the thieves most likely carried out the heist between Sunday night and before dawn yesterday.

A witness who lived near the pawnshop later went to the police and identified Apuply and Mariano through police file photos.

Police said the thieves, who had rented the house beside the pawnshop, bore a hole through the wall of the establishment.

"They used an acetylene tank and bolt cutter to break through the wall probably before dawn Monday," Pedrozo told the Inquirer in a phone interview.

Once inside the pawnshop, the men opened the vault, [illegible] cash and valuables [illegible] acetylene torch.

"The loot at the Tambunting Pawnshop heist is now worth P2.8 million in pawned jewelry, cell phones as well as cash," Pedrozo said.

He said a witness identified Apuply gave the down payment for the rent of the house beside the Picache Pawnshop on Sept. 24.

Four days later, the witness saw Mariano arrive at the house.

"It appears that the group gave the down payment but robbed a shop in another area. After they got arrested, they posted bail and struck at the pawnshop that they earlier targeted," Pedrozo added.

Killing not premeditated, says judge

By Julie M. Aurelio

A QUEZON CITY COURT YESTERDAY sentenced a man to 20 years in prison for stabbing to death a man attending a Christmas party in a church.

Judge Ma. Theresa de la Torre-Yadao of Regional Trial Court Branch 81 found Ludwig de Guzman guilty of homicide, and not murder, the previous charge.

In her decision promulgated yesterday, Yadao said there was no evidence to prove that De Guzman had planned every detail in killing his victim, Yensel Cogtt, at the height of a Christmas party for street children held at the Shepherd's Christian Fellowship Church in Novaliches on Dec. 28, 2002.

"Considering that no evidence was presented to prove that the killing was premeditated, the court holds that evident premeditation is not present," the decision read.

Yadao also ordered the accused to pay Cogtt's heirs P75,000 as indemnification and P100,000 as moral damages.

De Guzman was earlier charged with two counts of frustrated murder, one count of attempted murder and murder for killing Cogtt.

The accused was acquitted for the two counts of frustrated murder filed by Oliver Cogtt and Jervee Cogtt, Yensel's brother and cousin, respectively.

Yadao also acquitted De Guzman on the charge of attempted murder filed by Nathaniel Cogtt after the court pointed out that Nathaniel only sustained a small wound in his left index finger.

"There is no way that it can be established that the attacks were perpetrated by treachery or premeditated," the judge said.

Yadao, however, gave weight to the positive identification of De Guzman by three complainants, and not to the alibi of the accused that he was home at the time of the incident.

Why GMA wants 'controlled' interview with media

On Target

Ramon Tulfo

THE BUREAU OF FOOD AND Drugs (BFAD) has been taking a long time to test milk and food products from China for melamine.

The public can hardly wait for the BFAD verdict on milk and food products made in China.

BFAD's excuse that it lacks both manpower and equipment does not hold when public health is at stake.

Why is BFAD too proud to ask private testing laboratories like Qualibet to help it?

Instead of criticizing private testing labs, Health Secretary Francisco Duque should even be thankful to them for their help.

After all, most private testing laboratories are more efficient than BFAD.

And because they're trying to protect their reputation, private labs are also graft-free.

Between BFAD and reputable private labs, the public would place their trust on the latter.

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This is not the time to impute ill motives to private testing labs just because they're much faster in coming up with the results of tests for melamine than BFAD.

This is the time for concerted action by both the government and the private sector in protecting the health of the citizenry.

Criticizing private testing labs like what Duque is doing is juvenile.

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The media should try to understand President Gloria for not agreeing to have a free-wheeling interview with members of the Foreign Correspondents Association of the Philippines in Pasay.

The President's spin-doctors are having a hard time supplying the answers GMA would give to difficult questions.

They don't want to place the President in the very embarrassing situation of not being able to answer "naughty" questions from foreign, as well as local, journalists.

It took GMA three weeks to come up with that apology to the nation on the "Hello Garci" tape scandal.

The Palace media machinery, as well as her ask-ask boys, were hard put claiming to her how she should phrase her "apology."

In the end, the same cut more lamentable than back in that apology to the nation since nobody believed her.

Her spokesmen are afraid of a repeat of the Hello Garci apology fiasco.

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It seems his subordinates at the Bureau of Corrections (Bucor) are running circles around retired police Director General Oscar Calderon, former Philippine National Police (PNP) chief. Calderon is no match for the wit of his Bucor subordinates.

At the San Ramon Penal Farm in Zamboanga City, for instance, inmates are fed by a catering service when the colony grows its own food.

The Commission on Audit has ordered the penal farm to stop spending taxpayers' money for its inmates through food catering.

I was told by some insiders at the National Penitentiary in Muntinlupa City, where Bucor has its main office, that Calderon doesn't know about the alleged illegal activities of some of his subordinates.

The alleged illegal activities include spiriting in drugs, alcohol and prostitutes inside the Muntinlupa prisons.

I am not surprised by that report since Calderon was not exactly an efficient PNP chief.

If his performance left much to be desired as chief of the PNP, how can you expect him to be efficient in an entirely different territory?

MetroBriefs

Malaya publisher arraigned on libel charges

MALAYA publisher Amado "Jake" Macasaet was arraigned yesterday at a Manila court on libel charges filed against him by former Rizal Gov. Casimiro "Ito" Ynares Jr. However, the 72-year-old journalist refused to enter a plea when the charge against him was read at the sala of Judge Emma Young of the Manila Regional Trial Court Branch 36. "I refused to enter a plea upon the advice of my lawyer," Macasaet told reporters after the hearing. This prompted the judge to enter a "not guilty" plea on his behalf. Under the Rules of Court, an accused can refuse to enter any plea which would prompt the judge or justice to order the clerk of court to enter a not guilty plea. The pre-trial hearing of the case was set on Nov. 13. Ynares filed the case because of an item in Macasaet's "Business Insight" column that came out in Malaya on March 1, 1999. The item that Ynares had objected to went: "To the surprise and chagrin of LCAP members led to the [illegible] of NCA, it turned out that Rizal Gov. Casimiro 'Ito' Ynares, president of the NCA, pressured [illegible] to [illegible] the permit." [illegible] for the United Cockers Association of the Philippines of which Macasaet was a member while NCA referred to the National Cockers Association. It was not clear who [illegible] was. The column was reportedly about a dispute between the two groups but Macasaet said he could only vaguely remember what he had written. *Tina G. Santos*

Did you know

MANILA Zoo, which was inaugurated in 1959, is the country's oldest zoo. The 5.5-hectare property houses more than 700 animals.

Animal rights activists have been campaigning for the closure of the zoo, saying that captivity can drive some zoo animals "mad."

Cyril L. Bonabente, Inquirer Research

Cops trace vehicle in QC ambush of gov't worker

By Julie M. Aurelio

POLICE YESTERDAY MAINTAINED that a land dispute was most likely the motive behind the Sunday ambush of a Quezon City government employee.

Jesus Sinsuhid, 43, was ambushed Sunday morning along Granada Drive in Barangay Tandang Sora as he was on his way to church.

Investigators have also traced a black Ford Lynx that was allegedly used in the Sunday killing of a Quezon City government employee to a town in Pampanga province.

Supt. Franklin Moises Mabanag, chief of the Quezon City Police District's Criminal Investigation and Detection Unit, said they are still checking if the Ford Lynx's owner is involved in the incident.

Mabanag said they traced the Ford Lynx to Primo Medilla, a resident of San Isidro in Macabebe town, Pampanga.

Mabanag earlier said they were looking into the possibility that a land dispute could have sparked the ambush.

"Medyo malalim at malaguil na ito tungkol sa mga lupa dito sa Quezon City covered by Spanish titles (It seems there has been a long standing land dispute regarding lands in Quezon City covered by Spanish titles)," the police official said the business in a text message.

Sinsuhid, an employee of the Civil Registry Office, was riding a blue Mitsubishi Lancer at around 9:20 a.m. when a black Ford Lynx hit his car.

One of four armed men then alighted from the Ford Lynx and shot the victim at close range.

No halt in drive vs illegal vendors, says MMDA

By Allison W. Lopez



FERNANDO: Watch out for my new posters. [illegible]

CHRISTMAS MAY BE A TIME for goodwill and leniency, but the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority Chair Bayani Fernando, it will be business as usual.

In a press conference yesterday, Fernando said the MMDA's crackdown on illegal vendors would continue during the holiday season.

This early, he has warned sidewalk hawkers that their plans for leniency will fall on deaf ears.

"They always say it's their last Christmas doing business illegally. Every year, it's always their last. (But there's a limit to being merciful.) So we are warning all the vendors not to stay on the sidewalks or roads if they don't want their goods confiscated. They should sell their wares inside the market like everybody else," Fernando said.

The MMDA chair added that apart from continuing their road clearing operations, the agency will also install 50 cameras in strategic points around the metropolis by December in line with the agency's efforts to ease Metro traffic.

Fernando said 18 Wi-Max traffic cameras have already been set up on Edsa, C-5, Guadalupe and Ramillo as part of their "digital canopy" project.

After monitoring the areas where traffic is heavy or where an accident has occurred, the MMDA will relay the information through its radio station.

This way, Fernando said, the public will know what places to avoid in "real time."

At the same time, he announced that his new posters would soon go up all over the metropolis.

The posters show a smiling Fernando and messages like "Bawal ang bastos, Japaha, ang lahi Bayaniburg (if there is orderliness, a neighbor will love his neighbor)" and "Tayo ng tao ang bayanan (People have orderliness)."

Obama, McCain go nuclear a month from poll

Pope begins Bible-reading marathon



THE IMAGE of Pope Benedict XVI reading the Bible on a live television feed is projected inside the Holy Cross in Jerusalem's Basilica in Rome on Oct. 5.

McCain prone to mishaps as Navy pilot, says LA Times

Tiger suicide attack kills 27 in Sri Lanka

Study says drug samples may put children at risk

Thailand police arrest antigovernment leaders



CHAMLONG

Simpson jury: We didn't trust witnesses

The WORLD

US woman loses appeal in HK 'milkshake murder'



China detains 6 more suspects in milk scandal

BEIJING—CHINESE AUTHORITIES DETAINED SIX more people in the country's contaminated milk scandal amid increasingly strenuous efforts to restore public trust in Chinese-made food products.

Strong quake in Kyrgyzstan kills 60 people

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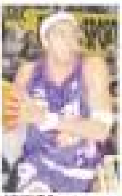
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Marcelo shoo-in for Shell Karter of Year award



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Rough sailing for Peping, Art

Santo Tomas paces UAAP overall race



Duty, honor, country

ONE GAME AT A TIME



Lindawan frustrates Vence, rules Baguio Milo Marathon qualifier



Zambo Eagles advance to PCCL zonals

Coach's son heads Binay tablenet q'final cast

Army booters dump Diliman, keep Premiere League lead

SPORTS

Johnson captures first PGA Tour title

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Creamer rules Samsung Championship

[illegible] AP



LOS Angeles Angels' [illegible] celebrates with catcher Mike Napoli in the 11th inning during Game 1 of their MLB American League Division Series baseball playoff at Fenway Park in Boston, Massachusetts.

Phillies gain finals; White Sox triumph

CHICAGO—THE PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES WON THEIR FIRST TRIP to the National League championship series in 15 years when they defeated the Milwaukee Brewers, 6-2, in Game Four of their division series on Sunday.

The Phillies will face the Los Angeles Dodgers for the National League championship beginning Thursday in Philadelphia.

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White Sox 5, Rays 3

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Angels 5, Red Sox 4

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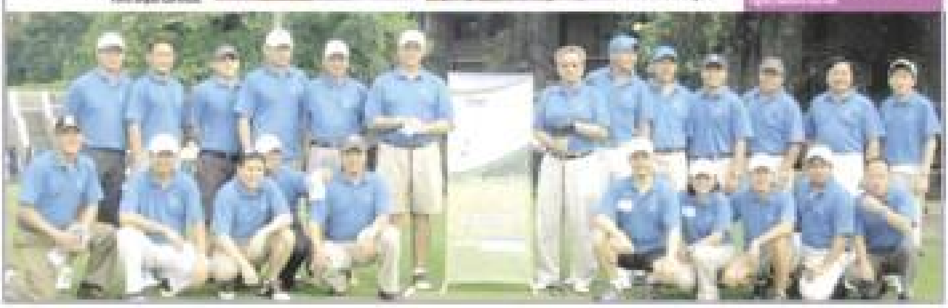
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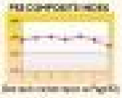
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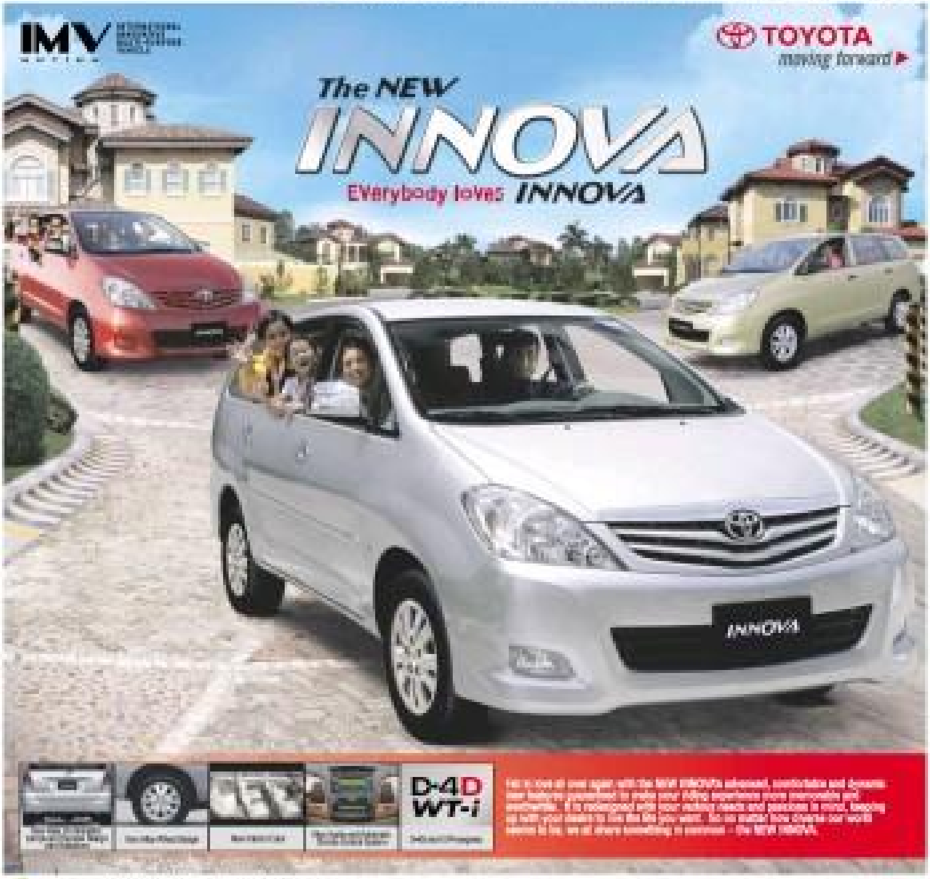
Banks' NPL ratio improves to 3.98%



Recession fears replace inflation worries

THE PESO YESTERDAY TUMBLED TO 47.43 AGAINST THE dollar as global financial markets fretted on whether the $700-billion US bank bailout package would be enough to stave off recession in the world's biggest economy.

Bangko Sentral keeps rates unchanged



Gov't increases support price for yellow corn

DA officials consider another adjustment soon to help farmers



SEIPI CEO FORUM

President Macapagal-Arroyo delivers her speech during the 18th Semiconductor and Electronics Industries in the Philippines Inc. CEO Forum in Rizal Hall, Malacañang Palace. Seipi is the biggest organization of foreign and local semiconductor and electronic firms in the Philippines.

Metro Pacific eyes full ownership of FPII

Recession is world wide

MR. BEARBULL

Ron Nathan

Nido-Kariki joint venture drilling another well

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RP to reel in visitors using English as bait

By R. W. Domingo

A WAVE OF ESL migration among schools offering English courses, especially those in Cebu, is set to take place with the expected influx of foreign students.

According to the Manila Economic and Cultural Office, it is aggressively promoting the Philippines as a destination for Taiwanese who wish to learn English while on vacation.

Ms. Isabel O. Golamco, Meco's chief finance officer, said the country's representative office in Taiwan has been doing promotional campaign with several ESL (English as second language) institutions in Cebu. Most schools now offer room and board, as well as ESL instruction packages for visitors mostly from South Korea, Japan, Russia and Taiwan.

Golamco said Meco has been encouraging Taiwanese travel agencies to offer bookings on ESL programs as part of travel packages that include sightseeing, diving and playing golf in Cebu.

She said she had recently accompanied Taiwanese journalists who took a tour of two ESL institutions in Cebu to drum up publicity to reach more prospective customers in Taiwan.

These are the Shinehaven English Language Academy (SELA)—a unit of United States-based multimedia giant Bigfoot Group—and the Cebu Pacific International Language School (CPILS) that was put up by Korean investors.

The campaign highlights the competitiveness of ESL courses offered in the country, which are comparable to the best in other parts of the world, but which also cost much less, Golamco said.

"At Sela and CPILS, a four-week course costs just half of the tuition in North American language centers," she said.

Mrs. Golamco said the two schools are set to expand their operations with an expected increase in demand for ESL services.

For instance, Bigfoot is planning to acquire for Cebu a 6,000-square-meter property in Cebu City which will double its existing facility in Cebu already operating at full capacity with 250 students living on campus at any one time.

According to Meco, the Bigfoot group has already invested $7 million or some P320 million, in Cebu's operations.

As for CPILS, the school's 15,000-square-meter facility is also operating at full capacity with 500 students, 70 percent of whom are South Koreans while the rest are Japanese and Taiwanese.

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Regional businesses tend to restructure, freeze hiring, survey says

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‘Nothing is all in the mind’

The Philippines has the highest number of depressed people in Southeast Asia, afflicting more than 4.5 million in 2004

By [illegible]

NOBODY wants to be labeled “crazy.” In a country where depression is perceived as a sign of weakness more than a medical illness, seeking a shrink can send malicious tongues to whisper behind one’s back that one has, well, lost it.

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“Nothing is all in the mind,” said Dr. David Spiegel, [illegible]

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What yoga can do for you

Still a skeptic? Millions of practitioners worldwide can't be wrong. Here's why this age-old system can only do you good

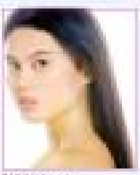






Search is on for next Ford Supermodel





How wellness program in the office makes a difference





'Nothing is all in the mind'



DR. DAVID Spiegel, professor and associate chair of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University School of Medicine, with Dr. Cornelio Banaag and Dr. Nicky Soler

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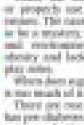
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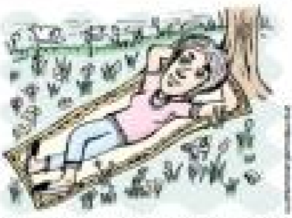
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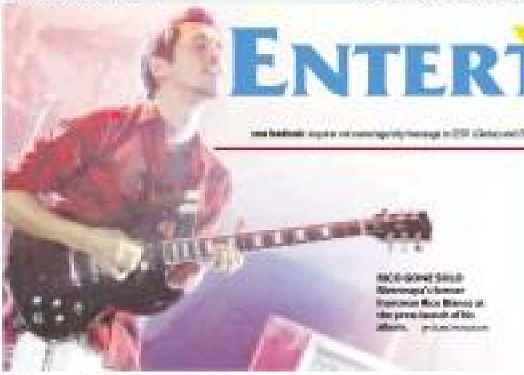
Criminals now use hypnosis to rob people

INNER AWARENESS

Jaime T. Licauco

Experts say 70 percent of people are easily hypnotized, so it pays to be very vigilant when talking to strangers, or you can become the next victim

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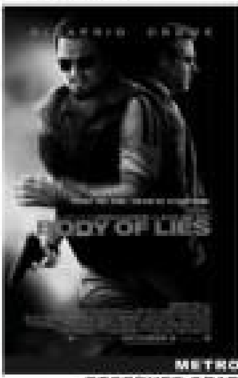


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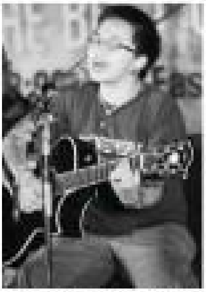






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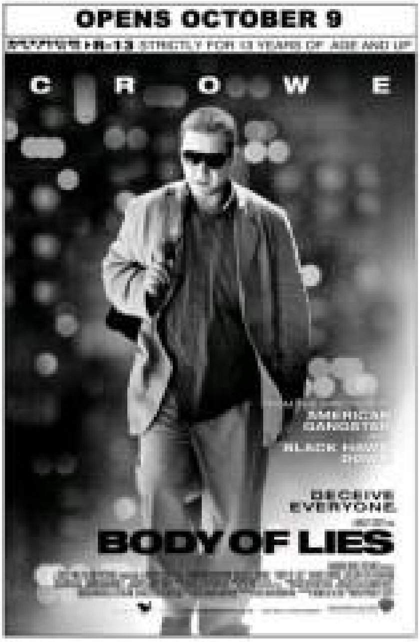
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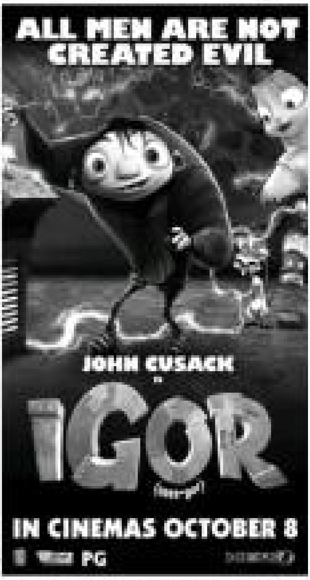












Fil-Am in John Legend showcase

IT WAS A PROUD MOMENT FOR Filipinos when Sony BMG Philippines' recording artist Julie Duncan wowed Asian operators—officials, guests and international media—with her performance in the recent John Legend special showcase at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Hong Kong.


Julie Duncan with Thai pianist Tor+ at the HK Mandarin Oriental presentation

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Duncan opened the presentation with another Asian, Thai artist Tor+, who accompanied her on the piano for her numbers, "One Bite In," and "Say You Love Me."

The two songs are included in her debut album, "The Love Lounge."

"It was a huge honor to have been chosen to perform alongside John Legend—he is so amazing," Duncan said of the multi-Grammy winner. "And I was so happy to share my music with fellow Asians in a global setting. It also made me very proud to have Filipino blood."

Sexy, sensual

Duncan describes "The Love Lounge," available in leading record stores, as "a marriage of sexy, sensual Latin beats and soothing chill-out melodies."

The album will be launched in other countries, starting in Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia next month.

Released in advance, the carrier single, "Bossa Love" (a Swing Out Sisters original), is currently No. 8 in Thailand's charts, overtaking entries from such big names as Mariah Carey, Maroon 5 and Linkin Park.

Other singles off "The Love Lounge" are the title track and "Clean My Heart."

Duncan, a Filipino-American fashion model-turned-singer, names Sade, Jane Birkin, Laura Fygi, Lisa Ono and Shakira as her major influences.

Making new hits from old

By Katrina Stuart Santiago
Contributor

WHAT'S IN A NAME? AS A factor in deciding to buy Kenyo's album, "Radiosurfing," not much. The photo of Mony Fundales, front man of the defunct Orange and Lemons, was enough reason to pick up the CD.


KENYO

But not only is "Radiosurfing" practically an all-revivals album; it is also the least creative revival album we've run into in quite a while. Note that it is the age of the local tribute album (to Apo and Eraserheads) and revivals (Regine Velasquez's creative remake of [illegible] and "Blue Suede Shoes" among many other songs, and KC Concepcion's take on Rihanna's "Umbrella"). Here, too, that there's more to revivals than merely recording an old song and adding instruments. There are many aspects to a song that can be played around with, reworked, re-created, to make new hits out of old ones.

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> Any song has many aspects that can be renewed, re-created

Plugged versions

Save for one original piece, "Radio," where Fundales' lyrics and Kenyo's music remain reminiscent of Orange and Lemons, there isn't much space for the band to stretch its wings. Interpreting Nirvana's "Sana" and Rey Valera's "Kyoko na ka 'Ko" Fundales ends up just singing plugged versions, i.e., more instruments and nothing else. The same may be said of "Falling to the Bits" (in fact, why revive this at all?).

Granted, Fundales' voice and Kenyo's sound are perfect for the cheesy song picks, among them "Love Me" by Michael Carey, "Totality" and "Your Eyes" by J. Jordan and Vladimir Cuneta, "Let Me In" by C. Cannon and Mike Francis. There is a rendering of "Kiss on My List" by Jonas Allen and Daryl Hall which is different, but "Don't Worry Be Happy" by Bobby McFerrin?

Yes to mimicry

The album ends with "Hilo", a remake of "Hello" by Lionel Richie and "Cuts Like a Knife" by Rodwell combined. A pain, with Fundales screaming his head off. Given the almost total mimicry that this album banks on, one should settle for the originals.

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Picks of the week

We have two picks of the week—Sarah Geronimo's "Just Me" from Viva and The Priests' 5-track sampler (the complete CD will be out in November) from Sony BMG.


SARAH Geronimo moves away from [illegible]

The Irish priests recently signed a £1-million contract with the major label. Judging from the sampler, every pound may just be worth it. As rendered by The Priests, Latin Catholic worship staples such as "Ave Maria," "Panis Angelicus" and "Pie Jesu" sound like love ditties—which the songs may just be for them.

The album will be launched, fittingly, in the Vatican. As for air play, there is at least one program where we're sure it will be appreciated: "Dr. Love Radio Show," dzMM.

Sarah is earnestly working at dissociating herself from the showcase belt style of singing and it shows here. And we're happy. Her voice has taken on a new and impressive timbre that sometimes leaves the competition wanting.

She can go in the direction of Celine Dion or Sergio or the best possible form of Sarah Geronimo—the choice is happily hers—and she'll sound great in any case. We just hope she decides soon.


£1-million recording deal for Irish trio

Kellie Pickler grows

NASHVILLE, Tennessee—Although Kellie Pickler's first album garnered three hits, went gold and made the singer a certified country star, it wasn't the debut that she would have crafted, had she had her way.

"Small Town Girl" (2006) was put together in a hurry to capitalize on her sudden fame as an "American Idol" finalist.

"It was so rushed and ... now that I can be honest about it, there are songs on there I would never even cut," said the North Carolina native of the CD, which included the hit "Red High Heels."

Her new self-titled sophomore effort is arguably the introduction to the real Kellie Pickler. The 22-year-old guided the production, the songs, and even the cover art of the CD, released this week. She also co-wrote half the 13 tracks.

Said Joe Galante, chairman of her label group, Sony BMG Nashville: "This time ... she was able to really focus on her writing. And she has had the experience of being on the road and seeing what audiences react to. She had a plan in her head of the record she wanted to make." AP

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Jennylyn Mercado back in shape

DOLLY WOOD
Dolly Anne Carvajal



Movie, wine and a valet

Luxury cinema promises 'escapism' in grim times

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Warped reflections with gore

By Oliver M. Pulumbarit
Contributor



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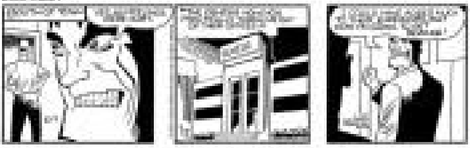


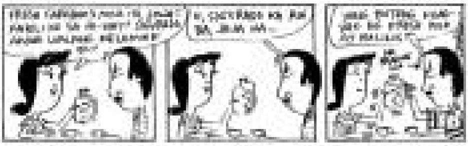


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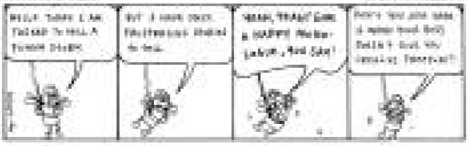
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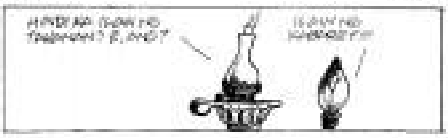


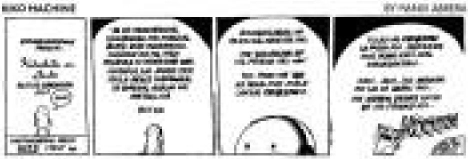


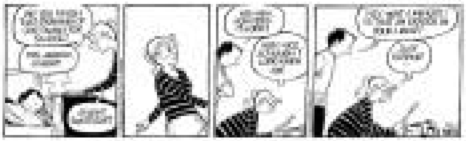
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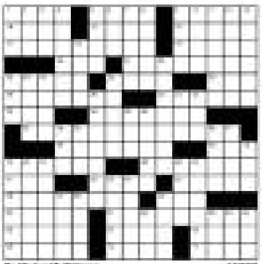




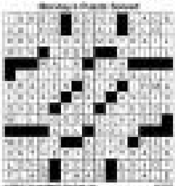


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By Michael T. Williams



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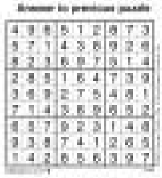
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Jennylyn Mercado back in shape

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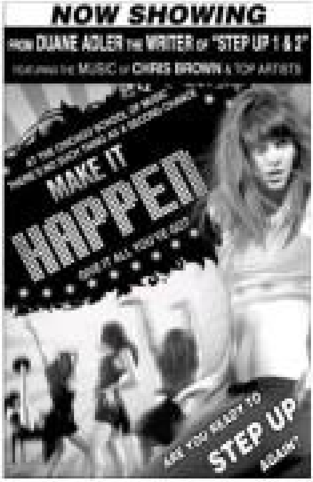
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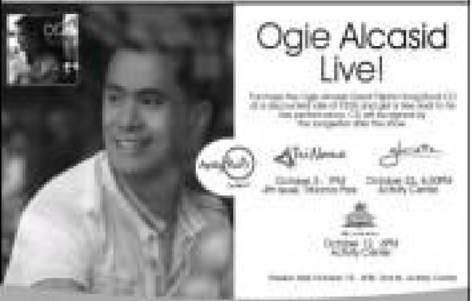
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At the Malls

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PIERRE Rissient in hospital earlier this year, above. At right, with the RP delegation to Cannes in 1980. From left, Philip Salvador, Hammy Sotto, Boy de Guia, Lino Brocka and Hamed Salvador

French cineaste, critic affirms long love affair with RP cinema

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

> "The least-known massively influential person in int'l cinema" champions Brocka

Cannes break

Biggest regret

Censors board reviews rules